

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A developer supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a developer accommodating portion;

a developer discharging portion; and

a cover covering said developer discharging portion, said cover being movable between a first position in which said cover covers said developer discharging portion and a second position in which said developer discharging position is exposed,

wherein said second position is closer to said developer accommodating portion than said first position.

2. A container according to Claim 1, further comprising a rail for guiding movement of said cover, said rail including a first guiding portion for guiding said cover to move in parallel with said developer accommodating portion and a second guiding portion for guiding said cover toward said developer accommodating portion.

3. A container according to Claim 1, further comprising urging means for urging said cover to the first position when said container is out of said apparatus.

4. A container according to Claim 1, wherein said discharging portion is provided with a hole for permitting passage of the developer, and said container further comprises a tape which seals the hole when said container has not been used, wherein said tape has one end fixed to said cover, and wherein said tape is peeled off when said cover is first moved from the first position to the second position.

5. A container according to Claim 1, wherein said discharging portion is provided with a hole for permitting passage of the developer, and said container further comprises a shutter, inside said cover, for closing and opening the hole.

6. An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image bearing member;
developing means for developing a latent image formed on said image bearing member; and
developer supply container detachably mountable to a main assembly of said image forming apparatus, said container including;
a developer accommodating portion;
a developer discharging portion; and
a cover cover in said developer discharging portion, said cover being movable between a first position in which said cover covers said developer

discharging portion and a second position in which
said developer discharging position is exposed,

wherein said second position is closer to
said developer accommodating portion than said first
position.

7. An apparatus according to Claim 6, further
comprising a rail for guiding movement of said cover,
said rail including a first guiding portion for
guiding said cover to move in parallel with said
developer accommodating portion and a second guiding
portion for guiding said cover toward said developer
accommodating portion.

8. An apparatus according to Claim 6, further
comprising a projection for being abutted by said
cover, wherein when said container is mounted to the
main assembly of said apparatus, said cover abuts said
projection so that movement of said cover is
regulated, and wherein said cover moves from the first
position to the second position with a mounting action
of said container to the main assembly of said
apparatus.

9. An apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said
discharging portion is provided with a hole for
permitting passage of the developer, and said

container further comprises a tape which seals the
hole when said container has not been used, wherein
said tape has one end fixed to said cover, and wherein
said tape is peeled off when said cover is first moved
5 from the first position to the second position.

10. An apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein at
least said developing means or said image bearing
member is detachably mountable to the main assembly of
10 said apparatus.

11. An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein
said discharging portion is provided with a hole for
permitting passage of the developer, and said
15 container further comprises a shutter, inside said
cover, for closing and opening the hole.

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